



## **Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report**

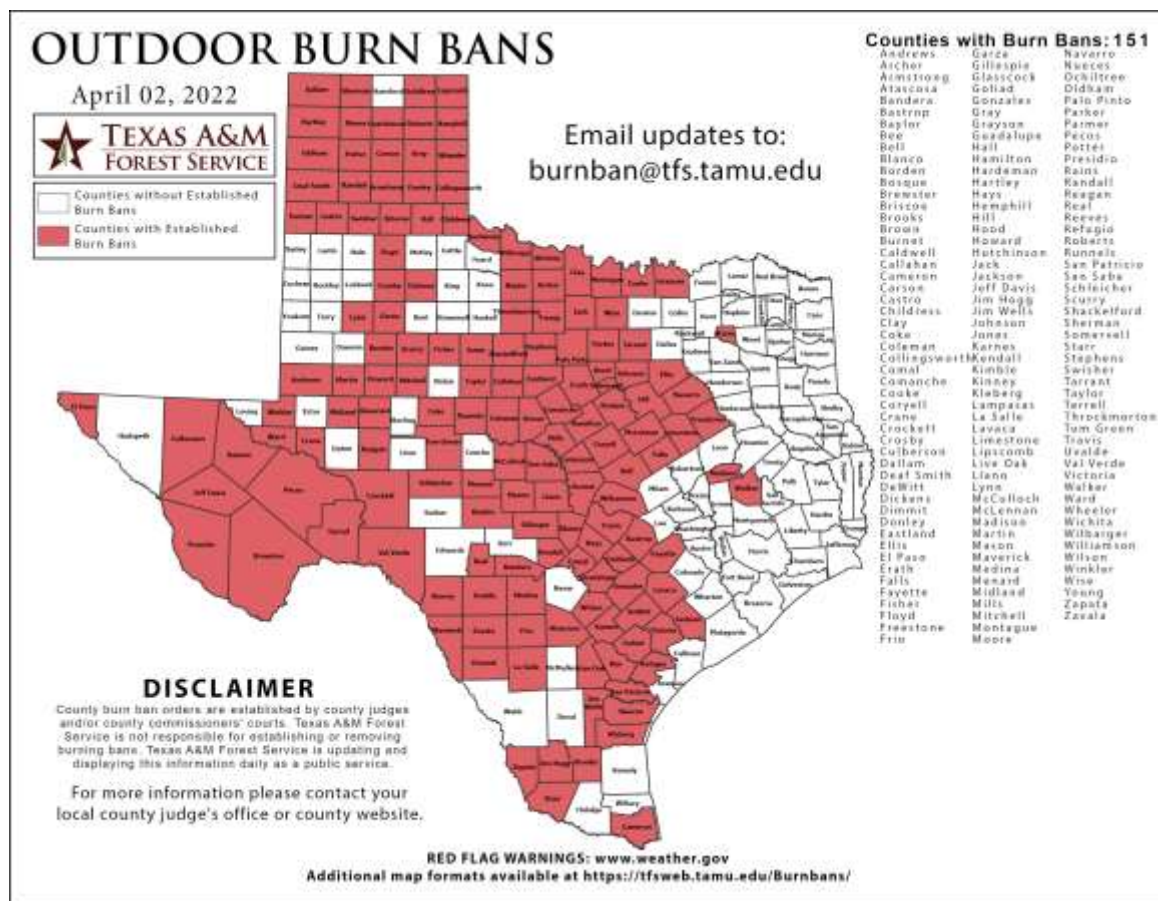
### **New Information in Blue Text**

<b>Event Name</b>	22-0009 Wildfire Outbreak 17MAR
<b>Date</b>	April 4, 2022
<b>Time</b>	9:00 AM
<b>Operational Period</b>	8:00 AM April 3 to 8:00 AM April 4, 2022
<b>Report Number</b>	18

### **Regions Affected**

<b>TDEM Regions Affected</b>	1, 2, 3, 5 & 6
<b>DDCs Active</b>	1, 4A, 5, 6, 7, 19 & 20

**STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:** Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS) received nine new requests for assistance with fire suppression operations on Sunday, April 3. There are currently 151 Texas counties out of 254 with a Burn Ban in effect. Elevated fire weather conditions are forecasted for southwest Texas today.



On April 1, Governor Abbott amended the Disaster Declaration, adding Andrews, Aransas, Archer, Bee, Bell, Borden, Bosque, Brewster, Cameron, Coke, Concho, Cooke, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, Dawson, Dimmit, Duval, Ector, Edwards, Gaines, Garza, Hemphill, Hidalgo, Howard, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kimble, Kleberg, Live Oak, Martin, Maverick, McCulloch, Menard, Midland, Nueces, Palo Pinto, Parker, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Real, Refugio, Roberts, Terrell, Tom Green, Upton, Wichita, Willacy, Winkler, Wise, Zapata, and Zavala counties.

On March 29, Governor Abbott encouraged Texans to remain vigilant and informed on weather conditions as fire danger and severe weather threaten the state.  
([Complete Statement Here](#))

On March 27, Governor Abbott amended the Disaster Declaration, adding Medina County.

On March 21, Governor Abbott amended the Disaster Declaration, adding Blanco, Erath, Hood, Runnels, and Starr counties.

On March 18, Governor Abbott issued a Disaster Declaration due to an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property in Brooks, Brown, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Grayson, Mason, Potter, Randall, and Williamson Counties.

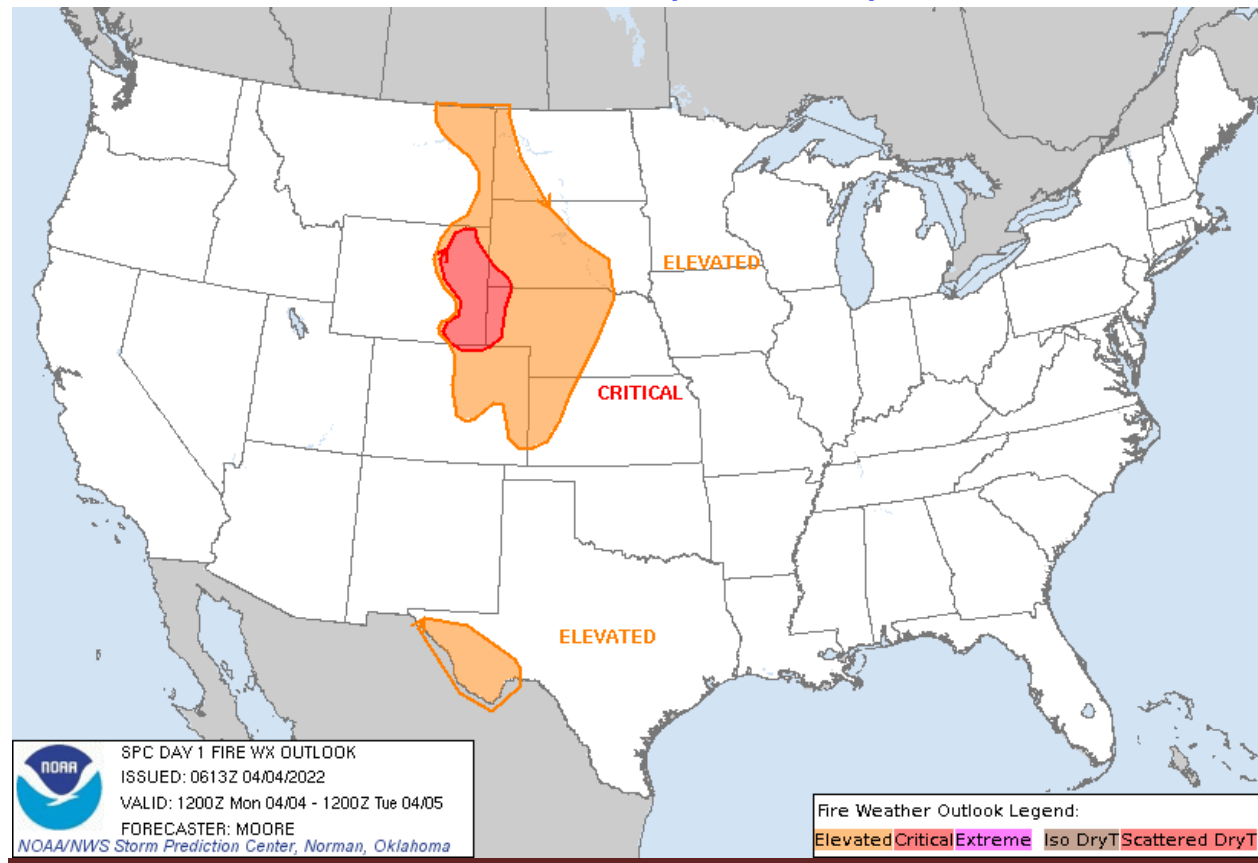
On March 16, Governor Abbott directed TDEM to activate additional state resources as escalated fire weather conditions continue to impact the state this week.

On March 15, Governor Abbott directed TDEM to mobilize state resources as Texas faces increased fire weather conditions this week.

Access damage surveys, find an evacuation shelter, and view wildfire resources  
Visit our March Wildfires Disaster page for more information:  
<https://www.tdem.texas.gov/disasters/2022-march-wildfires>

## WEATHER:

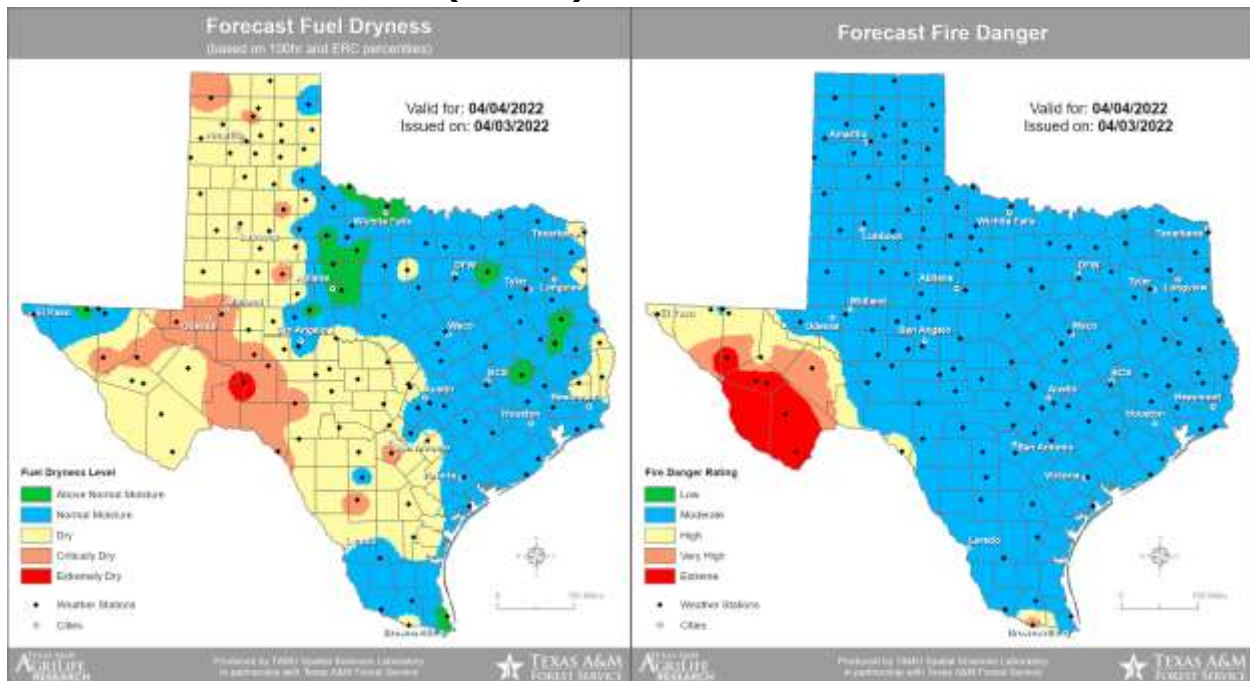
**NWS Fire Weather Outlook Valid: 7AM 4/4 to 7AM 4/5.**

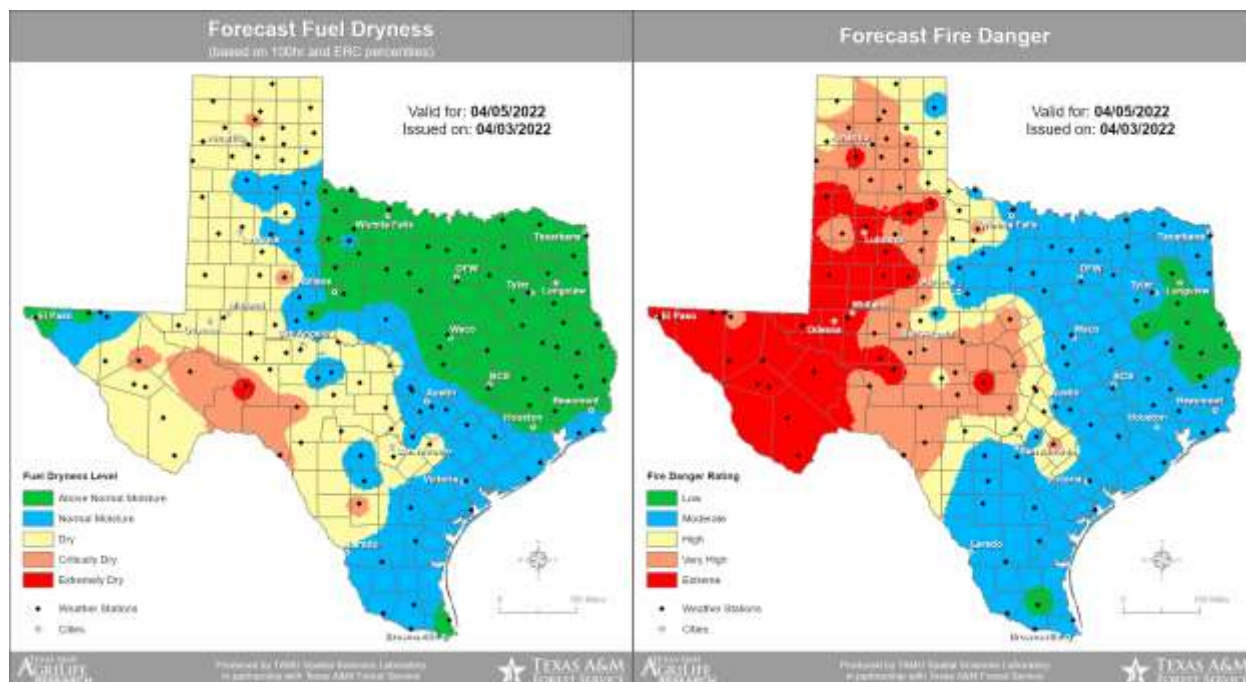


## Day 1 Fire Weather Outlook: Southwest Texas

Early-morning surface observations from the Trans Pecos region and southeast NM show westerly winds on the west side of a diffuse cold front/surface trough. This boundary will migrate east through the day as a weak surface low consolidates in northwest TX. Westerly downslope winds will increase to 15-20 mph across the Trans Pecos and Rio Grande River Valley to the Big Bend region. Upstream dewpoints in the single digits and low teens will advect into the region and support RH reductions into the teens. Consequently, elevated fire weather conditions appear probable along the Rio Grande to the Big Bend region where fuels remain very dry and are receptive to fire spread.

### Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS) – Predictive Services:





## OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response and recovery operations.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

**Region 1** (Includes DDCs 4 Garland, 4 Hurst, 5, 6, and 22)

**DDC 4 – Hurst** (Includes: Denton, Erath, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, Tarrant, and Wise Counties).

DDC 4A Hurst raised their readiness level to Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions).

**DDC 5 – Mt. Pleasant** (Includes: Bowie, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River, and Titus Counties)

DDC 5 increased their readiness level to Level III (Increased Readiness Level).

**Bowie County:** [Bowie 1509](#): 7 acres – 100% contained.

**Cass County:** [Cass 2018](#): 3 acres – 100% contained.

**Morris County:** [Morris 1507](#): 3 acres – 100% contained.



**DDC 6 – Tyler** (Includes: Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood Counties)

DDC 6 increased their readiness level to Level III (Increased Readiness Level).

**Rusk County:** [Rusk 1621](#): 4 acres – 100% contained.

**Region 2: (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16A, 16B, 16C, 16D)**

**DDC 14 – Lufkin** (Includes: Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, and Tyler Counties)

**Angelina County:** [Angelina 1536](#): 1 acre – 100% contained.

**Newton County:** [Newton 1649](#): 5 acres – 100% contained.

**Trinity County:** [Trinity 1000](#): 20 acres – 100% contained.

**Tyler County:** [Tyler 1428](#): 22 acres – 100% contained.

**DDC 15 – Beaumont** (Includes: Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Orange)

**Region 3 (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21, and 24)**

**DDC 19 – Laredo** (Includes: Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb, and Zapata Counties)

DDC 19 increased their readiness level to Level III (Increased Readiness Level).

**DDC 20 – Corpus Christi** (Includes: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio, and San Patricio Counties)

DDC 20 increased their readiness level to Level III (Increased Readiness Level).

**Kleberg County:** [Borrega](#): 51,566 acres – 98% contained.

**DDC 24 – Del Rio** (Includes: Dimmit, Edwards, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, and Zavala Counties)

**Region 5 (Includes DDCs 1, 2, 3, and 7)**

**DDC 1 – Amarillo** (Includes: Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, and Wheeler Counties)

DDC 1 activated to Level III at 10:00 AM on March 28.

**DDC 3 – Wichita Falls** (Includes: Archer, Baylor, Clay, Cottle, Foard, Hardeman, Jack, Montague, Wichita, Wilbarger, and Young Counties)

**Cottle County:** [Big Hippo](#): 48 acres – 80% contained.

**DDC 7 – Abilene** (Includes: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Throckmorton, and Taylor Counties).

DDC 7 remains at Readiness Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) for wildfire activities.

**Nolan County:** [Adrian](#): 530 acres – 90% contained.

**Throckmorton County:** [Reynolds Bend](#): 576 acres – 100% contained.

**Region 6** (Includes DDCs 11, 12, 17, 18A, 18B, and 23)

**DDC 23 – Killeen** (Includes: Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills and San Saba Counties)

**Coryell County:** [Crittenburg Complex](#) – 33,175 acres – 90% contained.

### **RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS**

**Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM)** – Regional staff have been deployed to impacted areas to assist local officials in damage assessment and identification of needs. The SOC continues to facilitate information sharing and the coordination of response and recovery operations.

**TDEM Communications Coordination Group (CCG):** Communications platforms are being identified for possible support if required.

**TDEM Disaster Recovery Task Force (DRTF):** DRTF HQ staff continue to support mass care at the SOC and actively monitoring the weather situation. DRTF regional staff continue to support local jurisdictions affected by wildfires with damage assessments and organizing VOAD support.

**TDEM Mass Care:** State partners are supporting local jurisdictions from the wildfires. Partners are ready to respond to support local jurisdiction with staff and materials pre-positioned around the state. Actively monitoring the weather situation and are prepared with national resources if needed.

**TDEM State Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL):** Disaster non-profits and Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters are actively deployed and supporting jurisdictions in TDEM Regions 1, 2, 5 and 6. Activities for this event to include but not limited to disaster cleanup, heavy equipment and chainsaw teams, supply

distribution, feeding and sheltering operations, emotional and spiritual care for communities and first responders, technology support, donations, and volunteer management. Planning meetings between local jurisdictions and disaster nonprofits for establishing Multi Agency Resource Centers are ongoing.

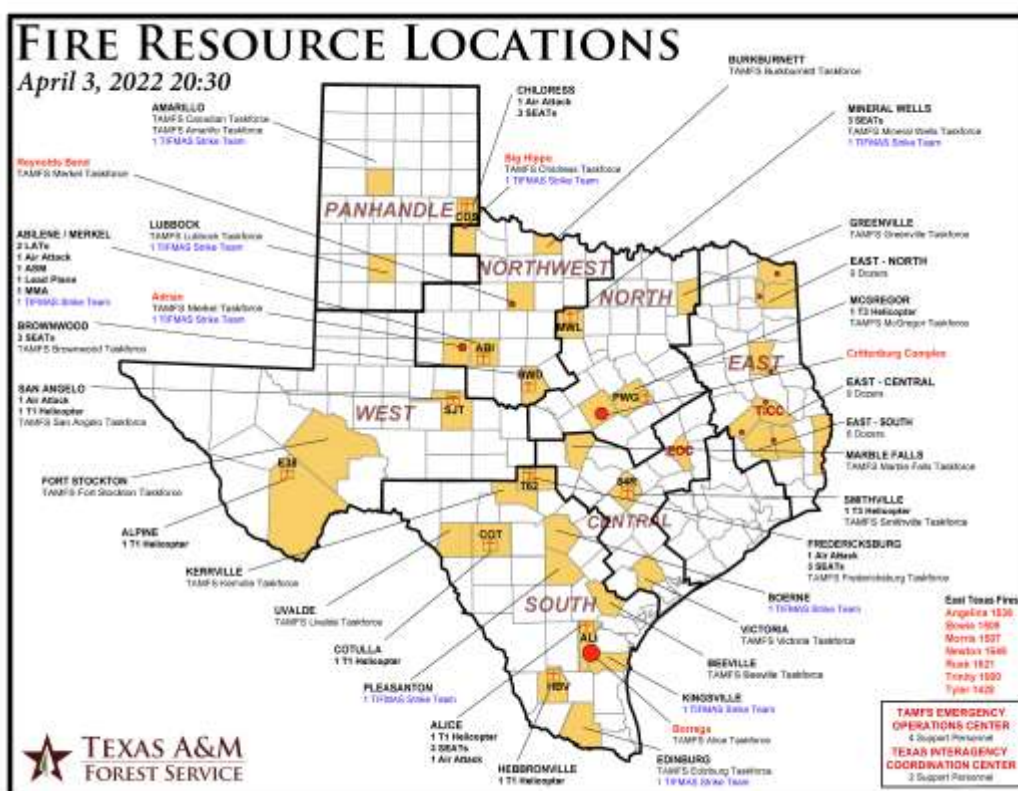
### **Texas Emergency Management Assistance Team (TEMAT):**

The DRTF HQ staff continue to support mass care at the SOC. DRTF regional staff continue to support local jurisdictions affected by wildfires with damage assessments and organizing VOAD support.

**Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service (Agrilife):** AgriLife continues to maintain situational awareness of wildfire incidents across the state and is monitoring needs at Animal Supply Points in the Eastland area and is also assessing the needs for a multi-county Animals Supply Point in the Kingsville area.

**Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX)/Texas A&M Public Works Response Team (TX-PWRT):** One TEEX/TX-PWRT personnel managing ESF 3 Public Works and Engineering at the Remote SOC in Austin.

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS):** TAMFS received nine new requests for support for wildfire suppression on Sunday, April 3. Incident Updates can be found here: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/>





**Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC):** The PUC continues to provide a liaison to the SOC and is monitoring for any outages or other issues with electricity providers. The PUC is responding to three fires east of Corpus Christi. Have identified 18 poles down in the Borrega pasture and have patrolled 75% of the feeder. The fire is still burning. Have identified six poles down in the Encino pasture and have patrolled 100% of the feeder. Restoring service where practical behind the fire(s).

**Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC):** The RRC will continue to work with natural gas service providers throughout this event.

**Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC):** TAHC continues to maintain situational awareness.

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):** TCEQ has staff available to assist local governments with any air/water/waste related issues including drinking water/wastewater issues and/or emergency response activities.

**Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA):** TDA continues to staff the Remote SOC as needed as part of the ESF-11 Team. STAR Funds accepting donations and requests for financial assistance.

**Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) – Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF):** DSHS EMTF continues to support the Canadian River Bottom fire with [1] (WLF) PKG, and [1] REM (ETFs 1, 2, and 11). DSHS EMTF has activated [2] (WLF) PKG to support the Borrega fire.

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):** Fuel Support is being provided to the fire in Real County and the Canadian River Bottom Fire in Hemphill County. TxDOT is providing a water tender and staff for the Burr Ranch Fire in Kinney County. TxDOT is staffing the remote SOC.

**Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS):** Region 6 THP San Antonio is providing personnel in Medina County to conduct roving patrol in the multiple subdivisions that were evacuated. Assisting with reentry by residents for the purpose of escorted damage assessment. Region 5 THP Eastland is providing security at the RSA in Eastland. THP personnel also providing roving/patrol security in Carbon.

**Texas Military Department (TMD):** On March 31, (2) UH-60 Blackhawks flew 16 hours and dropped 112 buckets for 73,920 gallons.

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):** TPWD has been tasked to provide two firefighting brush trucks.

## STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TDEM DRTF	DRTF HQ Staff	2		Assigned	R-SOC
Agrilife, TAMUS	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC
Agrilife TAMUS	AgriLife Agency Admin	3		Available	Virtual
Agrilife, TAMUS	DAR Agents	4	2	Available	Eastland County
Agrilife, TAMUS	DAR Agents	7		Available	Statewide
Agrilife, TAMUS	AgriLife Extension Strike Team Members	4		Available	Merkel
Agrilife TAMUS	Agrilife Extension Strike Team Members	3		Available	Eastland County
TAMFS	Large Air Tanker (LAT)		2	Available	Abilene
TAMFS	Aerial Supervision Aircraft (AA)		1	Available	Abilene
TAMFS	Aerial Supervision Aircraft (ASM)		1	Available	Abilene
TAMFS	Lead Plane		1	Available	Abilene
TAMFS	Multi Mission Aircraft		1	Available	Abilene
TAMFS	Type I Helicopter		1	Available	Alice
TAMFS	AA		1	Available	Alice
TAMFS	Single Engine Air Tanker (SEATs)		3	Available	Alice
TAMFS	Type 1 Helicopter		1	Available	Alpine
TAMFS	AA		1	Available	Childress
TAMFS	SEATs		3	Available	Childress
TAMFS	AA		1	Available	Fredericksburg
TAMFS	SEATs		3	Available	Fredericksburg
TAMFS	Type 1 Helicopter		1	Available	Hebbronville Airport
TAMFS	Type 3 Helicopter		1	Available	McGregor
TAMFS	Single Engine Air Tanker (Fire Boss)		3	Available	Mineral Wells
TAMFS	AA		1	Available	San Angelo
TAMFS	Type I Helicopter		1	Available	San Angelo

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TAMFS	Type 3 Helicopter		1	Available	Smithville
TAMFS	Type 1 Helicopter		1	Available	Cotulla
TAMFS	TAMFS Taskforce	13 Taskforces		Available	Various
TAMFS	Dozer/Tractor Plow		23	Available	Various
TIFMAS	TIFMAS Strike Team (ST)	25	5	Assigned	Adrian Fire
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST	25	5	Available	Merkel
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST	25	5	Available	Edinburg
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST	25	5	Available	Amarillo
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST	25	5	Assigned	Big Hippo Fire
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST	25	5	Available	Pleasanton
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST	25	5	Available	Mineral Wells
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST	25	5	Available	Lubbock
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST	25	5	Available	Boerne
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST	25	5	Available	Kingsville
TIFMAS	TIFMAS Coordinators	2		Available	College Station & Merkel
TEEX/TX-TF1 & 2	ESF 9 SOC LNO	1		Assigned	R-SOC
TEEX/TX-PWRT	SOC Liaison	1	1	Assigned	R-SOC
TAHC	SOC Representative	1		Assigned	R-SOC
TAHC	Central Office Staff/Agency Admin.	4	0	Available	Virtual
TAHC	Regional Management	18	0	Available	All Regions
TAHC	Field Personnel	6		Assigned	All Regions
DSHS EMTF	SOC Liaison	1		Available	R-SOC
DSHS EMTF	Wildland Fire Pkg (1)	5		Activated	Canadian River Bottom Fire
DSHS EMTF	Rapid Extrication Module (REM)	1		Activated	Canadian River Bottom Fire
DSHS EMTF	Wildland Fire Pkg (2)	10		Activated	Borrega Fire
PUC	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC
RRC	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC
TCEQ	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC
TCEQ	DDEOC Liaison	1		Assigned	Abilene

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TDA	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC
TxDOT	Fuel Support	8		Assigned	Kinney, Real and Hemphill Counties
TxDOT	Light Towers		2	Assigned	Eastland County
TXDPS	SOC Liaison	1	0	Assigned	R-SOC
TXDPS	Troopers	11	11	Assigned	Medina County
TXDPS	Sergeants	2	2	Assigned	Medina County
TXDPS	Troopers	6	6	Assigned	Eastland County
TMD	Rotary Wing (Medium MRP)	28	4	Assigned	Austin
TPWD	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC

**FINAL COMMENTS:** The State Operations Center (SOC) remains at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) for COVID-19 pandemic response with additional staffing for Wildfire Outbreak response and recovery. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor these situations and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

Level I	(Emergency Conditions)
Level II	(Escalated Response Conditions)
Level III	(Increased Readiness Conditions)
Level IV	(Normal Conditions)

*This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at:*  
<https://tdem-web.webflow.io/response/state-operations-center#tab-2>

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